Justice Health Overview
And
The Provision of Services to meet the health needs of Aboriginal people involved with the Criminal Justice System

Doing Time: BBV Research Workshop

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Justice Health Role

• Provision of health services to adults and adolescents who come into contact with the criminal justice system – custody, courts, community and hospitals

• Monitor the provision of health services

• Take preventative measures to minimise the spread of infectious diseases

• Provide advice to the Commissioner of Corrective Services NSW and the Chief Executive of Juvenile Justice NSW in relation to the well being of adults and adolescents in the criminal justice system
# Patient Numbers – 2009

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<td>O/N Census (September 2009)</td>
<td>10,910</td>
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Justice Health – Health Care Locations

[Map showing various locations with labels such as Broken Hill, Dubbo (Orana), Wellington, etc.]

- Correctional Centre
- Periodic Detention Centre
- Court & Police Complex
- Court Liaison Service
- Drug Court Service
- Juvenile Justice Centre

** Silverwater Complex
- Metropolitan Remand & Reception Centre
- Silverwater Women's Correctional Centre
- Silverwater Correctional Centre
- Mental Health Screening Units at MRRRC and SWCC

*** Long Bay Complex
- Long Bay Hospital
- Markar Special Programs Centre
- Metropolitan Medical Transitional Centre
- Special Purpose Centre
- The Forensic Hospital
Length of Contact

**Adult Length of Stay (IH Survey)**
- 30% less than 6 months
- 16% 6 months to < 12 months
- 18% 1 year - < 2 years
- 36% longer than 2 years

*Over 150, 000 movements per year*

**Adolescent Length of Stay (YPIC Survey)**
- 65% stay up to 1 week
- 18% stay between 1 week to 1 month
- 14.5% stay between 1 to 6 months
- Only 2.5% stay longer than 6 months
What Defines Justice Health

• Majority of service provided is in an ambulatory setting
• Specific model of health care
• Statewide service
• High level of need/short stay
• Constant movement with little notice
• Health Centres in Correctional & Juvenile Justice Centres = rural & remote practice
• Rapid growth
• Expansion of role and of program
• Expanding Forensic Mental Health Program
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<td>• 21 Court complexes</td>
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Risk and Morbidity

• High percentage of patients from low socio economic backgrounds
• At risk life style behaviours
  – Risk factors include:
    • Drug and alcohol problems
    • Mental Health issues
    • Smoking
    • Poor diet
• Window of Opportunity to address chronic health care needs
Priorities

- It is about joining the dots
- Patients are at the centre of the service
- It is about ensuring an across organisation solution

Key Priorities

1. Continuity of Care
   - Internally – Inter-facility transfer management
   - External – Release Planning
   - Care Navigation – Ensuring care delivery maintained pre custody, during custody and post custody
Priorities

2. Chronic Disease Management
   • Infrastructure
   • Redesign
   • Systems and Processes
   • Across the organisation (interspecialty)

3. Clinical Information systems
   • Progress towards an integrated electronic health record system

4. Interdisciplinary/Inter-specialty Case Reviews

5. Research and Evaluation

6. Forensic Mental Health Services
Aboriginal Health
Justice Health Aboriginal Health Unit

In partnership with the Clinical Streams assist in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of high level service delivery strategies, which directly impact to improve the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal population in contact with the NSW criminal justice system.
Aboriginal Adults in Custody

- Male - 20% and female - 30% people in custody of indigenous background (2% general community)

Aboriginal Adolescents in Custody

- 47% of total population
- Juvenile Justice Detention Centres predominantly Acmena 69% (Grafton), Frank Baxter 40% (Central Coast), Orana 88% (Dubbo), Reiby 59% (Airds), Riverina 42% (Wagga Wagga)
Justice Health Aboriginal Health

Key Initiatives:
• Embed within Justice Health a focus on the health needs of Aboriginal people within day-to-day operations

• Work to ensure cultural capability in the Justice Health workforce to successfully engage Aboriginal patients to access health services more

• Establish and maintain effective working relationships with Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services

• Sustain a formal partnership agreement between Justice Health and the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (peak body)
Aboriginal Chronic Care Program

Murr-roo-ma
Dhun-barn
Strong

to make
Aboriginal Health Services

The Justice Health Aboriginal Chronic Care Program (ACCP) proactively manages Aboriginal patients with chronic disease and is currently operational in 16 Correctional Centres including two Adolescent Centres

- Primary focus on early detection, intervention and prevention of chronic conditions in Aboriginal people

- Systematic screening and clinical interventions

- Health promotion and illness prevention
  - Australian Better Health Initiative Brochure developed specifically for Aboriginal patients

- Holistic approach to health service delivery for Aboriginal people
  - ‘Mind, Body and Spirit’
BUILDING ON FROM HERE

• Service capacity building

• Workforce capacity building

• Increase access to services by Aboriginal people
  • Welcome to Country signage at every Health Centre
  • Aboriginal Flags displayed at each facility
  • Aboriginal artwork displayed in Health Centres
Future Directions

- Aboriginal Diversion Project (adult) – funding approved in principle to commence project for 3 years
- Expanding of the AHW workforce – currently in 2 correctional centres. 3 Positions identified for the new correctional centre on the South Coast
- Adolescent Health – expansion of enhanced Aboriginal health care services to 100% of JJ sites
- Aboriginal Adolescent Mental Health Workers – Trainee program
- Expansion of the Community Integration Team (Adolescent)
- Population Health - Aboriginal Sexual Health Worker part time
- Population Health – Aboriginal Hepatitis C Services Coordinator
Outcomes